

Maynard Finance Committee
September 27, 2021
7:01PM – 9:20 PM
Meeting hosted virtually over Zoom

Present from Committee:

Alannah Gustavson, Jillian Prendergast, Ken Estabrook, Elliot Bruce, Peter Campbell, Katie Moore (new member)

Present, not Committee:

Natasha Rivera, David Gavin

Alannah started with an intro and a welcome to Katie Moore who introduced herself to us – yay, a new member!

We discussed the Citizens Petition for Street Acceptance which is not going to move forward due. Ken motioned to not recommend, seconded by Elliot, approved 5-0 with one abstention (Katie Moore – she is part of this Citizens Petition). We then wrote and approved the associated FinCom comments.

We reopened discussion on Article 13 (plastic bags). Ken pointed out that we had opened the discussion to the business community to be sure that they were ok with this article (Alannah actually spoke to members of the business community, not just Green Maynard). We edited our comments and moved to the next article, Article 14.

Article 14 relates to the use of polystyrene. Jill has voiced concerns with this ban including certain restaurants who do not want to change their takeout containers. Jill also voiced concern that there is not a health commissioner to enforce this rule. Ken motioned to approve the Article, Elliot seconded, approved by roll call 5-1 with Jill dissenting. We continued the discussion and identified that the petition as written does not allow anything to be put on the shelves in a polystyrene, not just food items – think of something that comes into the store, is not opened, and is sold. Peter motioned to reconsider, Ken seconded, approved 5-0. Elliot abstained.

We will be meeting next Monday and are planning on streaming the meeting on Facebook since it will be our public hearing leading up to town meeting. After town meeting our next meeting is October 25. We reviewed our agenda for that meeting, including that we will have Bill Nemser and the Housing Board in to speak with us. Ken motioned to close the meeting and Katie seconded, approved 6-0. Alannah called the meeting to close at 9:20 PM.

Documents & Exhibits

Control notes

Reserve Fund Balance

\$101,052.29